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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION BY ROC ON 1977 SABLEFISH

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1. ON MARCH 15-16 DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH
ECONOMIC COUNSELOR HU AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LONG LINE
(BLACK COD) FISHING INTERESTS ON SUBJECT OF ROC 1977
BLACK COD ALLOCATION.

2. ON BEHALF OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, COUNSELOR HU
MADE STRONG APPEAL FOR DEPT. TO "DO SOMETHING" TO INSURE
THAT LONGLINE VESSELS HAD SOME ALLOCATION FOR 1977. AS
NOTED REFTEL B, MAIN ARGUMENT FOR ADJUSTMENT OF QUOTAS
WAS INCREASED ROC SABLEFISH CATCHES FOR 1975-76.

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COUNSELOR HU ALSO STRESSED POLITICAL DIFFICULTY IN
SITUATION WHERE ALLOCATION WAS GRANTED TO ONE SEGMENT
OF INDUSTRY (TRAWLERS) WHILE THE OTHER HAD ITS FISHING
ELIMINATED. OFFER NOTED REFTEL WAS MADE ON POSSIBLE
COMPENSATION FOR INCREASED BLACK COD ALLOCATION BY RE-
DUCTION OF POLLOCK QUOTA.

3. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES STATED THAT AS TOTAL ALLOW-
ABLE SURPLUS OF BLACK COD HAD EITHER BEEN ALLOCATED OR

RESERVED FOR BYCATCHES, NO POSSIBILITY EXISTED FOR
ADJUSTING QUOTAS TO ALLOW ROC INCREASED BLACK COD
ALLOCATION. DEPT REPS STRESSED THAT "LOPSIDE AL-
LOCATION BETWEEN TRAWLERS AND LONG LINERS WAS NOT DUE
TO ANY INTENTION TO FAVOR ONE SECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY
AGAINST ANOTHER, BUT RESULTED FROM FACT THAT BLACK COD
RESOURCE IS DEPLETED TO MUCH GREATER EXTENT THAN POLLOCK.
IN ADDITION, THEY NOTED THAT WHILE VERY RECENT ROC
CATCHES OF BLACK COD HAD INCREASED, DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY
CONSIDERATION IN ALLOCATIONS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO MORE LONG
TERM CATCH AVERAGES. DEPT. REPS CONCLUDED THAT SMALL AND
VERY RECENT CATCHES FOR ROC, DEPLETED SABLEFISH
RESOURCE, AND NEED TO ACCOMODATE OTHER NATIONS WITH MORE
SUBSTANTIAL AND TRADITIONAL FISHERIES FOR THIS SPECIES
HAD RESULTED IN SMALL 1977 ALLOCATION. DEPT HAD ASSUMED
THIS EXCHANGE LAID MATTER TO REST. HOWEVER, ROC
AMBASSADOR HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR
RIDGWAY, TENTATIVELY SET FOR MARCH 30, TO DISCUSS
SABLEFISH ALLOCATION.

4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION RAISED REFTTEL A, ONLY ROC
VESSELS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED PERMITS MAY FISH BETWEEN
MARCH 1 AND MAY 1 WITHOUT PERMIT PHYSICALLY ON BOARD.
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